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Sir:

The present communication responds to the Office Action dated October 7, 2003, in the above-identified application. A Petition for an Extension of Time for one month under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) is included with this response.

As a preliminary matter, applicants respectfully point out that an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was originally filed with the present application on September 14, 2000. A copy of the return postcard received from the Patent Office acknowledging their receipt of this IDS, a copy of the IDS, and copies of each of the listed references are included herewith for the Examiner's convenience. To date, the applicants have not received any communication from the Patent Office indicating that the listed references have been considered by the Examiner. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider these references and acknowledge same on the record.

Please amend the Specification as shown on page 2. Please amend the claims as reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3.